Mineral King District Association
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Dear Friends:

Recently a request was made for financial contributions to the Association's Action Committee. I would like to thank those individuals and families that have sent in money and strongly encourage everyone else to please join in with whatever monetary support you can afford. The next few months will be pivotal with reguard to our continued use of our cabins in the Mineral King Valley. In December of this year, all permits will be up for renewal and we have lost several permittees during the last five year permit period. According to the Park Service's interpretation of Public Law 95-625, they will not be granting permits to the heirs of the deceased permittees. It is very likely that between now and December there will be additional losses among our group. There is no time to lose.

The Whitney/Voorhees Family from West Mineral King has retained a legislative advocate, based in Washington, D.C., to contact Interior Department officials and Congressional representitives to try to avoid the impending loss of their cabin's permit. I have seen the advocate's letter to our Association and read an outline of possible strategies to be used in our collective effort, and I was impressed. The Whitney heirs have taken the first step and it is now up to us, the entire Mineral King community to speak up and stand with them, and the other cabins in jeopardy. If we do not act together now, we will fall one by one. I sincerely believe the issue will de decided within the next year. I honestly believe we need a paid representitive in the Capitol to make sure our effort is successful. The Congress is receptive, the Park Service is critically short of operating funds and we, the Mineral King families, have a long history in the Valley.

Please help us preserve our cabins, our family ties and the Mineral King Valley.

Sincerely,

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